

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for controlling a secondary air stream in the exhaust system of an internal combustion engine for a motor vehicle having control units (39, 40) for evaluating the actuating signals and sensor signals of the engine control and for regulating the secondary air stream (21). The position of the accelerator pedal (45) of the motor vehicle is included as a sensor variable to be used by the control unit (39) for regulating the secondary air stream (21).